

receive assistance under this Act for a period determined by the Under Secretary, consistent with the considerations under section 180.865 of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), beginning on the date on which the Under Secretary makes the applicable finding.

(b) **USE OF PROPERTY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), in carrying out this division, the Under Secretary may, without cost (except for costs of care and handling), allow any public sector entity, or any recipient nonprofit organization, for the purpose of the development of minority business enterprises, to use any real or tangible personal property acquired by the Agency in carrying out this division.

(2) **TERMS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS.**—The Under Secretary may impose reasonable terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions upon the use of any property under paragraph (1).

**SEC. 702. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

(1) **PROVISION OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.**—To carry out sections 101, 102, and 103(a), the Under Secretary may provide Federal assistance to public sector entities and private sector entities in the form of grants or cooperative agreements.

(2) **NOTICE.**—Not later than 120 days after the date on which amounts are appropriated to carry out this section, the Under Secretary shall, in accordance with subsection (b), broadly publish a statement regarding Federal assistance that will, or may, be provided under paragraph (1) during the fiscal year for which those amounts are appropriated, including—

(A) the actual, or anticipated, amount of Federal assistance that will, or may, be made available;

(B) the types of Federal assistance that will, or may, be made available;

(C) the manner in which Federal assistance will be allocated among public sector entities and private sector entities, as applicable; and

(D) the methodology used by the Under Secretary to make allocations under subparagraph (C).

(3) **CONSULTATION.**—The Under Secretary shall consult with public sector entities and private sector entities, as applicable, in deciding the amounts and types of Federal assistance to make available under paragraph (1).

(b) **PUBLICITY.**—In carrying out this section, the Under Secretary shall broadly publicize all opportunities for Federal assistance available under this section, including through the means required under section 116.

**SEC. 703. RECORDKEEPING.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Each recipient of assistance under this division shall keep such records as the Under Secretary shall prescribe, including records that fully disclose, with respect to the assistance received by the recipient under this division—

(1) the amount and nature of that assistance;

(2) the disposition by the recipient of the proceeds of that assistance;

(3) the total cost of the undertaking for which the assistance is given or used;

(4) the amount and nature of the portion of the cost of the undertaking described in paragraph (3) that is supplied by a source other than the Agency;

(5) the return on investment, as defined by the Under Secretary; and

(6) any other record that will facilitate an effective audit with respect to the assistance.

(b) **ACCESS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.**—The Under Secretary, the Inspector General

of the Department of Commerce, and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any duly authorized representative of any such individual, shall have access, for the purpose of audit, investigation, and examination, to any book, document, paper, record, or other material of the Agency or an MBDA Business Center.

**SEC. 704. REVIEW AND REPORT BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**

Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) conduct a thorough review of the programs carried out under this division; and

(2) submit to Congress a detailed report of the findings of the Comptroller General of the United States under the review carried out under paragraph (1), which shall include—

(A) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the programs in achieving the purposes of this division;

(B) a description of any failure by any recipient of assistance under this division to comply with the requirements under this division; and

(C) recommendations for any legislative or administrative action that should be taken to improve the achievement of the purposes of this division.

**SEC. 705. BIENNIAL REPORTS; RECOMMENDATIONS.**

(a) **BIENNIAL REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and 90 days after the last day of each odd-numbered year thereafter, the Under Secretary shall submit to Congress, and publish on the website of the Agency, a report of each activity of the Agency carried out under this division during the period covered by the report.

(b) **RECOMMENDATIONS.**—The Under Secretary shall periodically submit to Congress and the President recommendations for legislation or other actions that the Under Secretary determines to be necessary or appropriate to promote the purposes of this division.

**SEC. 706. SEPARABILITY.**

If a provision of this division, or the application of a provision of this division to any person or circumstance, is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that judgment—

(1) shall not affect, impair, or invalidate—

(A) any other provision of this division; or

(B) the application of this division to any other person or circumstance; and

(2) shall be confined in its operation to—

(A) the provision of this division with respect to which the judgment is rendered; or

(B) the application of the provision of this division to each person or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment is rendered.

**SEC. 707. EXECUTIVE ORDER 11625.**

The powers and duties of the Agency shall be determined—

(1) in accordance with this division and the requirements of this division; and

(2) without regard to Executive Order 11625 (36 Fed. Reg. 19967; relating to prescribing additional arrangements for developing and coordinating a national program for minority business enterprise).

**SEC. 708. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Under Secretary \$110,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025 to carry out this division, of which—

(1) a majority shall be used in each such fiscal year to carry out the MBDA Business Center Program under subtitle B of title I, including the component of that program relating to specialty centers; and

(2) \$20,000,000 shall be used in each such fiscal year to carry out title III.

**SA 2479.** Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KELLY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2687, line 22, insert “*Provided further*, That, from funds made available under this heading in this Act, the Secretary shall provide an additional 23 percent of total project costs for any project described in subsection (d) or (e) of section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, that has a Full Funding Grant Agreement that was entered into under such subsection (d) or (e) on or after January 1, 2017, and that has received an allocation of funding in any of fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021:” after “fiscal year 2023:”

**SA 2480.** Mr. LANKFORD (for Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 94, line 12, insert “, and including a project authorized by Congress to be carried out by the Secretary of the Army” after “corridor”.

On page 124, line 16, insert “, and including a project authorized by Congress to be carried out by the Secretary of the Army” after “crossing”.

On page 126, line 21, insert “, and including a project authorized by Congress to be carried out by the Secretary of the Army” after “crossing”.

On page 222, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

**SEC. 11136. PAYMENTS ON FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY A FEDERAL AGENCY.**

Section 132 of title 23, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(B) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated), by striking the subsection designation and heading and all that follows through “In a case” and inserting the following:

“(a) **PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY A FEDERAL AGENCY.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), in a case”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) **CERTAIN PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subparagraphs (B) through (D), in a case in which a proposed project described in paragraph (10)